

MINUTES taken by Norah Bowman
KSS PAC Agenda - Tuesday October 10 6:30 p.m. ZOOM ONLY

Welcome

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx Okanagan People. We share these lands and are committed to reconciliation. (Is there someone in the groups who has a reconciliation or land/nature appreciation moment to share?)

House-keeping – use chat, remember to mute

Introduction – Newcomers? Introduction of Indigenous Chair candidates (if there are), and COPAC rep(s) (Nomination/election added to agenda)

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jaimie

Seconded by Deannie

All in favour

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Sept 2023

Minutes received.

Moved Jaimie

Seconded Robyn

Principal's Report – Scott Parker (and VPs)

Some outstanding outdoor ed trips already.

Grad council elections are underway.

First grad event will be winter formal.

Tomorrow is parent teacher interviews.

Last week was implementation day for all SD23 staff, KSS had a focus on anti-bias and anti-racism skills and connection with community. And some learning and commitment to more work ahead.

From Candice: Note to folks to attend rally against hate this coming Saturday in the community.

Executive Reports

Co-Chairs – Karen Hatch and Myrna Stark Leader

Nothing to add.

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley

Treasurer not present. But the BC Gaming funds were approved, the amount can not be

shared until the province does a formal announcement.

Secretary – Norah Bowman

Nothing to add.

Academic Chair – Cassaundra Scheibe

Emailed some teachers to introduce herself to teachers, has not heard back yet but will keep trying, not sure of protocol or what to do specifically with the role.

Athletic Chair – Leslie Atwell

Cross country, volleyball, and soccer are underway, playing well and playing hard.

Fine Arts Chair – Robyn Springer

Nothing to report. Waiting to hear back from Fine Arts teacher. Drama and band are doing well, Shakespeare in Love is the production for Drama

Indigenous Chair – VACANT (Myrna)

--According to the Central Okanagan Public Schools Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Our Third Year (2022 - 2023), 3,169 students (K-12) identified as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit), representing over 61 Bands. During the 2022-2023 school year, we are most proud of setting a District record with over 86% of Indigenous students graduating within the six years from the time they enrolled in grade 8. More needs to be done to increase consistent attendance for some Indigenous learners (K-12). 47% of Indigenous students demonstrating consistent attendance Yellow: 27% of Indigenous students demonstrating inconsistent attendance Red: 27% of Indigenous students demonstrating significant absence

--Truth and Reconciliation Week École Kelowna Secondary School KSS student announcement Monday, September 26, 2022: "Hello, my name is Maria Dargatz from KSS's Truth and Reconciliation Committee to remind everyone that today is the beginning of Truth and Reconciliation Week. We will begin with 215 seconds of silence for the 215 unmarked graves discovered at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in 2021. Only a year later, the number of children identified rose to 4,100 nationwide as of September 2022. If we held a moment of silence for all these children, it would last just over an hour, and it would take just under two days of silence for all the estimated children who attended residential school. Each day this week will have a message. Monday is Truth, Tuesday is Reflection, Wednesday is Healing, Thursday is Resilience and Reconciliation, and Friday is Orange Shirt Day. We urge everyone to wear orange throughout the week and to learn historical truths so we can all actively practice reconciliation."

Scott Parker made a report but I had a hard time hearing, my Zoom was kind of cutting out. At the end he was talking about students doing their own work on Truth and Reconciliation and being leaders in the school.

Suggestion and general agreement that Scott bring some student voice around TRC to our next PAC meeting.

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Kresina

Contacted the teacher, has been in touch and is waiting to hear back.

Student Support Chair –Jayme Bush

Photos of the lovely student regulation, relaxing room with lamps and couches. Chill and perfect. Room 180. "Behavior Intervention Room," sometimes called Zen

room.

COPAC Representative – Deannie Zahara

All PAC members invited to attend COPAC meeting with trustees, DSC reps. Camilla is nominated as well to the COPAC rep position with Cadre Simpson and Camila Biffard. Deannie is stepping down from KSS and doing KLO instead.

Deannie nominated Camile and Cadre to share the COPAC rep position. Positions accepted.

Unfinished Business

- Roles and responsibilities of PAC members, is constitution change required.

No discussion on this item.

- Google docs site for documents

Scott is helping us with it and will clear it up with Myrna this week.

- Email checks

- Set exec meeting early in Nov (ensure gaming fund submissions in order) prior to monthly PAC meeting

Discussion of PAC exec meeting to go over the gaming fund submissions, and then will make a recommendation and share it with the PAC

Agreement that exec will make recommendations and will bring those to full PAC

- For each meeting: agenda, last month's minutes, email to parents one week prior to invite, invite in Whoo's News, any change required to KSS PAC content on website, any other documents?

NOTED at the meeting by a parent: career courses lack research into universities and applications to post-secondary institutions of choice. PAC decided that it could be a letter on behalf of the PAC to be sent to the Ministry regarding the Careers curriculum. Draft of a letter next PAC meeting. 😊

New Business

- KSS PAC gaming funds received – Amount TBA awaiting gov't press release
- Fundraising – Yes? No? (Bursary/Teacher appreciation), if so what, who and how (PAC received two letters with fundraising offers – Myrna)

This item is in relation to the Bursary and to the teacher appreciation event which require our own funds.

There is support for the Bursaries, to fundraise for them. But also, overall, folks are tired of organizing bursaries.

Norah will look into the way we would set up a Bursary fund through donations from KSS alumni.

Karen Hatch is interested in helping with fundraising, also Deannie.

We will all get back and talk about it together next meeting.

Interest in the "one and done" email.

Motion from Jayme, seconded by Matthew, that PAC prepare and send out a "one and done" fundraising email. Motion passed.

Response to gaming fund request – all hard copies have been shared with PAC (*Call out for extracurricular asks from teacher for gaming funds were requested by Sept 30 to Scott and to PAC by Oct 10, PAC to review by Nov 1 for Nov 14 in person distribution of funds*)

- Prom 2024 is set for Friday, May 17th - Daniel Ragobar and Natalie Spencer, grad coordinator teachers
- Email from a parent asking if there will be other career exploration/fairs offered for all genders
- Other – at the bottom of the agenda, all are fyi only

**** SECTION IV MEMBERSHIP

1. All parents of students registered at KSS shall be voting members of the Parent Advisory Council.
2. Administrators and staff (teaching and non-teaching) of KSS who are not parents of students registered at KSS, shall be non-voting members of the Council.
3. Members of the school community who are not parents/guardians of students currently enrolled at KSS may be invited to become non-voting members of the Council.
4. At no time shall the Council have more non-voting than voting members.

Parent Questions/Comments

- KSS website, PAC page, and weekly Whoo's News are sources of information for parents. KSS PAC email is kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting - Tuesday November 14 6:30pm in library at KSS

OTHER FYI's

- 1) Enrollment at KSS dropped by 89 from 1910 to 1821. Enrollment at all other secondary schools rose – Ecole Okanagan Mission Secondary (up 138 to 1301, George Elliot (up 52 to 775), Mount Boucherie (up 56 to 1729) and Rutland (up 77 to 1603)
- 2) Excerpt from BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils reaffirmation of SOGI 123 which came to the PAC President email on Sept 21.

“SOGI resources continue to be critically important to cultivate understanding, empathy and respect in our schools, nurturing a community where everyone feels seen, heard and valued. When these resources were first introduced in BC schools, BCCPAC provided a [fact sheet](#) that shared these statistics:

- 3) *19% of B.C. high school students identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or not exclusively heterosexual.*
- 4) *1% of B.C. high school students identify as transgender and 5% of Aboriginal students identify as Two-Spirit.*
- 5) *42% of BC LGBTQ K-12 students have been victims of cyberbullying, compared to 14% of non-LGBTQ students.*
- 6) *In the past year, lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth were seven times more likely to attempt suicide compared to their heterosexual counterparts (28% vs 4%)*

These statistics are not just numbers; they represent the lived experiences of our children and youth. Many caregivers and those employed in the education sector also identify as 2SLGBTQ+. SOGI 123 resources have extended understanding and acceptance to these caring adults, bringing more safety overall to everyone within the education system.

- 4) [Member DPACs](#) are invited to attend the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils [2023 DPAC Leadership Summit](#) in Richmond, BC on November 17 & 18, 2023.

Registration - There is no cost to attend this event, but registration is required (click on the "Register Now" button below). DPAC Executive members, or their authorized representative(s), are eligible to attend the Summit.

If your district does not have an active DPAC, contact the BCCPAC office to discuss available options.

Registration Deadlines:

- **October 26:** deadline to register **with** accommodation
- **November 8:** deadline to register **without** accommodation

Accommodation & Travel Subsidies

BCCPAC will provide accommodation (on a first-come, first-served basis) and travel subsidies for up to two (2) delegates per district. DPACs will be responsible for travel and accommodation costs for any additional delegates. Delegates requesting accommodations must register by October 26, 2023. After this date, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.

All travel expenses must be pre-approved by the BCCPAC office **no later than October 24th.**

Schedule of Events

Friday (Nov 17) session will cover the full day (ie. Breakfast - 5pm) while Saturday (Nov 18) sessions will take place in the morning only (ie. Breakfast - Noon).

Presentations will include speakers from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. These sessions will provide new and updated information for delegates to share with PACs throughout their districts. Delegates will have opportunities to network and share ideas with members from districts across the province. Sponsors and exhibitors will be present on Friday.

[DPAC Summit - Register Now](#)

5) **ADHD Inside Out Presentation – Don't Calm Down (Mastering Emotional Outbursts)**

October 17th, 2023 7pm via zoom

Registration is required: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Emotional outbursts have a greater impact on relationships, communication, and group participation than most other ADHD challenges. They also lead to the deepest misguided judgements about the individual's "bad character." This webinar will help you understand what is truly going on, and how to respond in a helpful, respectful, and productive manner.

Presented by Dan Duncan, ADHD Coach/Consultant adhdinsideout.com

The presentation will take place via Zoom and is free for our Central Okanagan Public Schools SD23 community.

We encourage interested parents/caregivers and SD23 staff to register for this informative education opportunity.

- 6) Parenting course through BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) for parents of teens called Parents in the Know. It's a closed 10 week program via Zoom and BGC is offering it for free. (Oct 18-Dec 20 6 to 8 pm) An online education and group support program that helps parents of teens (ages 13-18) explore ways to improve communication skills, resolve conflicts, and build positive relationships. For more info: contact Beverley Barker 250-258-4322 bbarker@bgco.ca

- 7) My name is Ray Kletke, and I teach E-Commerce 12 here at KSS. I'm reaching out to share some exciting news that I hope you will share with other KSS parents. My class will be launching an online KSS clothing/etc. web site very soon! Attached you will find the images of our first drop of KSS clothing. The retail prices for these items are as follows:

- Hoodies with embroidered logo: \$49.00
- Crewneck sweatshirts with embroidered logo: \$42.00
- T-shirt with embroidered logo: \$25.00
- YETI 20oz Rambler cup with laser logo: \$60.00

This class, together with another one in semester 2, will design/select KSS items for up to 6 drops. Each drop will offer something different. Thank you for sharing this information with other parents 😊

Please let me know if you have any questions! Our launch day is coming soon!

Ray Kletke

KSS Instructor (E-Commerce, Law, Economics, Entrepreneurship)